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HALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1941.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Area (Statute Acres) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,248 |
| Population (Census, 1931) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10,667 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses (Per Rate Books, 1941) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,700 |
| Number of Dwellings occupied by one private family (1931) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,669 |
| Rateable Value | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £142,102 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £580 |
| Total Rates | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10/- |

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

| | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|---|--------|----------|-----------------------|
| Live Births - Legitimate | 62 | 56 | 118 |
| Illegitimate | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Stillbirths - Legitimate | 2 | - | 2 |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - |
| Rate per 1,000 live and still births | ... | ... | 15.55 15.8 |
| | Males. | Females. | Total |
| Deaths | 75 | 74 | 149 |
| Deaths from Puerperal Causes... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Death-Rate from Puerperal Causes (per 1,000 births) | ... | ... | Nil |
| Deaths of Infants under one year of age | ... | ... | 4 |
| Legitimate | ... | ... | 3 |
| Death-Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births | ... | ... | 24.6 |
| Illegitimate | ... | ... | 1 |
| Death-Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births | ... | ... | 142.8 |
| Death-Rate of Infants under one year of age | ... | ... | 31.0 |
| Deaths from Measles (all ages) | ... | ... | Nil |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) | ... | ... | Nil |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) | ... | ... | Nil |
| Deaths from Cancer | ... | ... | 23 |

Public Health Department,

Council Offices,

Ashley Road,

HALE.

Review of Statistics.

I feel bound as your Medical Officer of Health to make the following comments on the vital statistics for the year.

You will notice that the total number of Deaths exceeds the total number of Births by 24. At the same time the Birth-Rate itself is 10.4 per 1,000 per annum taking the Registrar General's figures for mid 1940, the Death-Rate being slightly higher. Obviously this tendency would be a most serious matter if not checked, but probably the present time is not the time to go into much detail about this question.

As regards the Uncertified Deaths and Inquests, the Deaths following Accidents or Suicide seem rather a large proportion.

Concerning Tuberculosis it may be that the comparatively large figure of Tuberculosis in this district is due to the increased facilities for diagnosis and treatment.

The figures for Immunisation I think speak for themselves. It only remains for us to continue on this scale to do our full share in the control of this deadly scourge - Diphtheria.

D. I. CONNOLLY.

BIRTHS.

Boys, 64; Girls, 61; Total 125.

The number of births registered in the district was 54. In addition to these, 71 belonging to the district, but registered elsewhere, have been added, making a total of 125, the second highest figure since 1930.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Four deaths occurred among children under one year of age during 1941.

The following table gives the infant mortality rate for this district during the past five years.

| <u>1937.</u> | <u>1938.</u> | <u>1939.</u> | <u>1940.</u> | <u>1941.</u> |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 16.5 | 21.7 | 16.39 | 10.10 | 31.0 |

DEATHS.

Males, 75; Females, 74; Total 149.

Whilst representing a substantial reduction in comparison with last year, the figure is nevertheless higher than that for any other year since Hale was created.

UNCERTIFIED DEATHS AND INQUESTS.

During the year inquests were held in connection with the deaths of 13 persons; in 3 cases death was found to be due to natural causes, and in 10 cases death followed as the result of accidents, or suicide.

CANCER (MALIGNANT DISEASE).

There were 23 deaths from Cancer (12 males, 11 females).

Classified Deaths from Cancer.

| Localisation | 1937 | 1938 | 1939 | 1940 | 1941 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Tongue and Mouth | - | - | - | - | - |
| Larynx | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Oesophagus | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Stomach... .. | 2 | 3 | - | 2 | 2 |
| Respiratory organs | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | - |
| Pancreas | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Liver | - | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Intestinal tract | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Generative organs | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Breast | - | 1 | - | 7 | 2 |
| Kidney | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Other or unspecified organs | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Totals | 19 | 25 | 16 | 30 | 23 |
| Deaths from all causes ... | 122 | 120 | 135 | 173 | 149 |

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year, 131 cases of Infectious disease, other than Tuberculosis, were notified, this total being made up as follows:-

Table of Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis).

| Disease. | No. Notified | Admitted to Hospital | Total Deaths |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Smallpox | - | - | - |
| Scarlet Fever ... | 3 | 3 | - |
| Whooping Cough ... | 63 | - | - |
| Diphtheria | 5 | 5 | - |
| Paratyphoid Fever... | 4 | 3 | - |
| Pneumonia | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia... | 1 | 1 | - |
| Erysipelas | 1 | - | - |
| Measles | 43 | - | - |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Dysentery | 1 | 1 | - |
| Totals | 131 | 18 | 9 |

It will be noted that 106 of these cases are measles and whooping cough, and the other diseases have been few in number. It is to be regretted however that three of the four cases of Cerebro-Spinal Fever proved to be fatal.

Disinfection was carried out as in previous years by spraying infected rooms with formalin solution and fumigating with vapour. Infected bedding and clothing are treated with steam or destroyed. Disinfectants are supplied free to residents of Hale.

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|----|
| Number of houses fumigated during 1941 | ... | ... | 36 |
| Number of rooms fumigated during 1941 | ... | ... | 44 |
| Ambulances fumigated | ... | ... | 1 |
| Bedding and other articles disinfected | ... | ... | 33 |
| Bedding destroyed | ... | ... | 6 |

IMMUNISATION.

In response to the Ministry of Health's appeal a wide campaign for the immunisation of children against Diphtheria has been conducted. Children were received for immunisation at the Maternity & Child Welfare Clinic and in addition a special session for immunisation was arranged on Saturday mornings. The local practitioners also contributed to the campaign, which produced protection for more than half the children of the district during the year:-

| | Under 5 | 5 - 15 | Total |
|---|---------|--------|-------|
| Number of complete immunisations during year | 340 | 672 | 1012 |
| Number of partial immunisations during year | 9 | 51 | 60 |
| Total children completely and partially immunised during year | 349 | 723 | 1072 |
| Estimated Child Population | 640 | 1280 | 1920 |
| Percentage of children completely immunised at end of year | 58.3 | 57.7 | 57.9 |
| Percentage of children partially immunised at end of year | 1.4 | 4.0 | 3.1 |
| Percentage of children completely or partially immunised at end of year | 59.7 | 61.7 | 61.0 |

TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease are given in the following table:-

| Age Periods | NEW CASES | | | | DEATHS | | | |
|----------------|-------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Years ... | | | | | | | | |
| 0 - 1 ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 - 5 ... | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 15 ... | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 25 ... | 3 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 25 - 35 ... | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 - 45 ... | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - 55 ... | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 - 65 ... | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 and upwards | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS ... | 13 | 3 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| | 16 | | 2 | | 1 | | - | |

The number of cases receiving sanatorium treatment during the year was 9; in addition 1 non-pulmonary case received hospital treatment.

The notification of tuberculosis is satisfactory, and it has not been necessary to take any action in cases of neglect or refusal to notify.

At the end of the year there were 75 cases of Tuberculosis in this district.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Bacteriological Examination in Diagnosis of Infectious Disease.

The following is a statement of the bacteriological examinations of specimens sent from this District during the year.

| DIPHTHERIA | | TYPHOID FEVER | | SCARLET FEVER | | TUBERCULOSIS | |
|------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Total | Positive | Total | Positive | Total | Positive | Total | Positive |
| 38 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 31 | 5 |

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRE.

The following figures of attendances will show the work of the Centre during the year 1941:-

| | | | | | | | |
|----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1. | Number of attendances at the centre during the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1798 |
| | (a) Children under 1 year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 885 |
| | (b) Children 1 to 5 years | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 913 |
| 2. | Number of children attending for the first time:- | | | | | | |
| | (a) Children under 1 year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 78 |
| | (b) Children 1 to 5 years | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
| 3. | Number of children in attendance at the end of the year:- | | | | | | |
| | (a) Children under 1 year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 64 |
| | (b) Children 1 to 5 years | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 194 |

CLASSIFIED LIST OF VISITS MADE BY HEALTH VISITOR...

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Total Number of visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1283 |
| To Expectant Mothers:- | | | | | | | | |
| First visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Total visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 65 |
| To Children under 1 year:- | | | | | | | | |
| First visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 92 |
| Total visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 455 |
| To Children aged 1 to 5 years:- | | | | | | | | |
| Total visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 763 |

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC.

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of sessions held during the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Total number of attendances | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 76 |
| Number of Expectant Mothers attending during the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |

No cases were referred to the Consulting Obstetrician during the year.

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Free dental treatment is available to Ante-Natal patients in necessitous cases. During the year one patient received treatment at the expense of the Council.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No maternal deaths were notified in this area during 1941.

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

The Health Visitor is appointed Child Protection Visitor to carry out the duties detailed in the Public Health Act, 1936.

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of Children on Register at commencement | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of Notices received respecting Children | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of Children whose names were removed from Register on account of removal | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of Children who died during the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Total now remaining on Register | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of visits paid during the year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 |

The Children have all been found to be properly cared for, and it has not been necessary to institute any proceedings under this Act.

DISTRIBUTION OF MILK AND FOODS.

During the year the following milk and foods were distributed at the Maternity & Child Welfare Centre to residents of Hale, although it should be understood that the Ministry of Food Vitamin Scheme has largely superseded the Council's arrangements.

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Cod Liver Oil | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 149 bottles |
| Cod Liver Oil and Malt | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 137 jars |
| Calcium Tablets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 332 boxes |
| Lactagol | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 55 packets |
| Celin Tablets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 129 packets |

TABLE 1.

Causes of Death for the year 1941.

| CAUSE OF DEATH | M. | F. | TOTAL |
|---|----|----|-------|
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever | 3 | - | 3 |
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System | 1 | - | 1 |
| Acute Infantile Encephalitis | - | 1 | 1 |
| Cancer | 12 | 11 | 23 |
| Diabetes | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage | 5 | 14 | 19 |
| Heart Disease | 16 | 22 | 38 |
| Other Circulatory Diseases | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Bronchitis | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Other Respiratory Diseases | 2 | - | 2 |
| Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other Digestive Diseases | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Nephritis | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Premature Birth | 1 | - | 1 |
| Congenital Malnutrition, birth injuries & Infant Diseases | 3 | - | 3 |
| Suicide | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Violence other than Suicide | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| All other causes | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| TOTALS | 75 | 74 | 149 |

TABLE 2.

Cases of INFECTIOUS DISEASE notified during the Year 1941.

| DISEASE | Total No. Cases | AT AGES - YEARS | | | | | | | | | | | | WARD DISTRIBUTION | | | | Cases remov- ed to Hosptl. | Total Deaths |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------------|-------|----------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Und. 1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | Over 65 | Central | North | South- East | Wested | | |
| Scarlet Fever | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | - |
| Diphtheria | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 5 | - |
| Paratyphoid Fever | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | 3 | - |
| Pneumonia | 6 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 1 | 6 |
| Erysipelas | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 17 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | Nil | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cerebro-Spinal Feyer | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Dysentery | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Measles | 43 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 23 | 7 | - | 3 | - | - | - | 12 | 7 | 9 | 15 | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | 63 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 28 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 16 | 23 | 10 | 14 | - | - |
| Totals | 150 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 59 | 13 | 4 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 36 | 48 | 30 | 36 | 27 | 10 |

R E P O R T O F S A N I T A R Y
... I N S P E C T O R .

To the Chairman and Members of the
Hale Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1941.

The work of the Department has again been curtailed owing to the calls of civil defence.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

With the exception of a small number of houses in the added area of Ringway, which derive their water supply from wells, the whole of the urban district is served by the mains of the Manchester Corporation, and a constant supply of excellent quality is maintained.

One water sample was taken from an open pipe which has provided campers and picnickers with water in the past - the examination proved unsatisfactory and means were adopted to prevent the public having access to the pipe in question.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

In the district there remain only 44 pail closets, but the absence of available sewers and mains water supply prevents the installation of water closets at the houses which are at present served by these conveniences.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Total Number of Water Closets | ... | ... | 3,908 |
| Total Number of Pail Closets | ... | ... | 44 |

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

During the year two smoke observations were made on one factory chimney, and in one case a nuisance was detected, and the stoker at the factory concerned was interviewed, with subsequent improvement.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS AND LICE.

No houses were found to be infested with bugs during the year, but in one house inspected bedding infested with body lice was revealed. The bedding in question was disinfested by steam treatment.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED
BY BYELAWS OR REGULATIONS.

There are several stables and one knacker's yard in the district. Removal of refuse is required weekly. 15 inspections have been made to ensure compliance with this requirement.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

COMPLAINTS.

61 complaints were received and investigated during the year.

SUMMARY OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS.

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Inspections of dwelling houses under Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Inspections of dwelling houses re complaints... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90 |
| Number of visits re infectious disease... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 |
| Disinfections | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Inspections of houses for dilapidated ashbins | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Inspections of schools | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Inspections of cowsheds | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Inspections of dairies and milkshops | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Inspections of Ice Cream premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Inspections of bakehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Inspections of butchers' shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Inspections of meat after home slaughter | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Inspection of fishmongers' shops... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Inspections of fried fish shop | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Inspections of other food shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Inspections of factories (with mechanical power) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Inspections of factories (without mechanical power) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Inspections re drainage | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51 |
| Inspections re salvage | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Inspections of Army Billets, etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 |
| Inspections of refuse tip | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Inspections of knacker's yard | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Inspections of stables | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Inspections of piggeries | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Smoke observations | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Inspection of War damage | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 |
| | | | | | <u>357</u> |
| Revisits re work ordered or in progress | ... | ... | ... | ... | 166 |
| Total Number of inspections and revisits | ... | ... | ... | ... | 523 |
| | | | | | == |

HOUSING.

STATISTICS.

Number of New houses erected during the year:-

- (a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b):
- | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (i) By the Local Authority | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (ii) By other Local Authorities... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| (iii) By other bodies and persons | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |

- (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts... Nil

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

- (1)(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 70
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 70

- (2)(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ... 1
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1

- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation... 1

- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 70

| | | | |
|----|--|-----|----|
| 2. | Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of formal Notices:- | | |
| | Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers | | 91 |
| 3. | Action under Statutory Powers during the year:- | | |
| | (a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:- | | |
| | (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | Nil | |
| | (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:- | | |
| | (a) By owners | Nil | |
| | (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | Nil | |
| | (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:- | | |
| | (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | Nil | |
| | (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:- | | |
| | (a) By owners | Nil | |
| | (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | Nil | |
| | (c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:- | | |
| | (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | Nil | |
| | (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | Nil | |
| | (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which undertakings not to re-let for human habitation were accepted | | 1 |
| | (d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:- | | |
| | (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | Nil | |
| | (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | Nil | |
| 4. | Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding:- | | |
| | (a)(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | | 2 |
| | (ii) Number of families dwelling therein | | 2 |
| | (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein | | 20 |
| | (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | Nil | |
| | (c)(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | Nil | |
| | (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases | Nil | |

NOTICES.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Informal Notices served during the year | 68 |
| Statutory Notices served during the year | Nil |
| Informal Notices complied with during the year | 78 |
| Statutory Notices complied with during the year | Nil |

IMPROVEMENTS.

HOUSING -

| | |
|---|---|
| Brickwork repaired or repointed | 1 |
| Damp walls rendered externally or otherwise waterproofed | 1 |
| Roofs repaired and rendered watertight | 6 |
| Eaves gutters cleansed or repaired... .. | 4 |

HOUSING (Continued)

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Rain water pipes cleansed or renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Firegrates repaired or renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Window sashcords renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Windows made to open or otherwise repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Quarry floors repaired or renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Wall and ceiling plaster repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Flues repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Water supply provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Pumps repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Sinks renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Rats and mice exterminated | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Sink Wastepipe renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Washing accommodation improved | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

DRAINAGE -

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Public Sewers cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Drainage systems repaired or reconstructed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Choked drains cleared | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 |
| Septic tanks cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

SANITARY CONVENIENCES -

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| New basins provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Cisterns repaired or renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Buildings repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Water supply provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |

REFUSE RECEPTACLES -

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Dilapidated ashbins renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Other improvements | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| TOTAL IMPROVEMENTS | ... | ... | ... | ... | 126 |

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FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901 and FACTORY ACT, 1937.

During the year 13 inspections of factories and workplaces were made; one written notice was served where infringements were discovered. The notice was complied with.

1. INSPECTION for purposes of provisions as to health.

| PREMISES (1) | NUMBER OF | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Inspect- ions. (2) | Written Notices (3) | Occupiers Prosecuted. (4) |
| Factories with mechanical power | 9 | Nil | Nil |
| Factories without mechanical power | 4 | 1 | Nil |
| Other Premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction, but not including outworkers' premises) | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| TOTAL | 13 | 1 | Nil |

2. DEFECTS FOUND.

| Particulars (1) | Number of Defects | | | Number of defects in respect to which Prosecutions were instituted. (5) |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | Found. (2) | Remedied. (3) | Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4) | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) ... | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) ... | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) .. | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.) ... | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7): | | | | |
| Insufficient ... | - | - | - | - |
| Unsuitable or defective ... | - | 1 | - | - |
| Not separate for sexes ... | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences (not including offences relating to Home Work or offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921, and re-enacted in the Third Schedule to the Factories Act, 1937) ... | 1 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL ... | 1 | 1 | Nil | Nil |

MILK SUPPLY -

A new cowkeeper was registered during the year, having provided a new brick built dairy at his premises.

The eight cowsheds and nineteen dairies in the district have maintained a good standard of cleanliness during the year. It is pleasing to note that three of our eight cowkeepers are now producing "Accredited" milk.

There were 60 milk purveyors on the register at the end of 1941.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 -

With a view to increasing the consumption of designated milk the Council again decided to issue all licences under the Order free of charge during 1942.

9 licences issued under the Order during the year:-

| Designation | Dealers | Supplementary | Totals |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------|--------|
| Tuberculin Tested ... | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Accredited ... | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pasteurised ... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Totals ... | 5 | 4 | 9 |

MEAT INSPECTION -

There are no registered or licensed slaughterhouses in the district. Butchers obtain their meat supplies from Altrincham. 2 visits have been made to the shops, and the meat exposed for sale was of good quality. 5 pigs slaughtered for home consumption at farm premises were inspected, and 2 pigs' heads and 1 pluck were found to be tuberculous and condemned and destroyed.

The following foods were also condemned and destroyed:-

11 tins of Milk
1 cwt. Sago
1 tin Sausage

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938 - SAMPLING -

The taking of samples under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, is carried out by the Cheshire County Council.

I am indebted to Mr. S. Hallard, Chief Weights and Measures Inspector, Cheshire County Council, for the following report on the work under this heading, carried out during the year:-

| Name of Sample | Number of samples obtained. | Number not up to standard or Adulterated. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Aspirin Tablets | 1 | - |
| Baking Powder | 1 | - |
| Boracic Ointment | 1 | - |
| Castor Oil | 1 | - |
| Chicken & Ham Roll... .. | 1 | - |
| Cocoa | 2 | - |
| Grey Powders... .. | 1 | 1 |
| Halibut Liver Oil Capsules | 1 | - |
| Iodine Ointment | 1 | - |
| 'Lemex' Lemon Substitute... .. | 1 | - |
| Liquorice Powder | 1 | - |
| Meat Paste | 1 | - |
| Milk | 13 | 2 |
| Magnesia, Carbonate of | 1 | - |
| Prawn Paste | 1 | - |
| Rusks | 1 | - |
| Sausage | 1 | - |
| Seidlitz Powder | 2 | - |
| Sponge Cake | 1 | - |
| Yorkshire Pudding Powder... .. | 1 | - |
| Total | 34 | 3 |

Regarding the three samples shown as adulterated or not up to standard the following summary will explain the action taken:-

Grey Powders (2 gr.) - Deficient in Mercury to the extent of 19 per cent. Sellers cautioned by Chief Inspector.

Milk - 'Genuine but abnormal milk being deficient in non-fatty solids to the extent of 3.5 per cent.'
No Action taken.

Milk - 'Genuine but abnormal milk being deficient in non-fatty solids to the extent of 4.1 per cent.'
No Action taken.

REGISTRATION OF ICE CREAM PREMISES -

No new applications for registration of ice cream manufacturing premises were received during the year. The six registered premises were satisfactorily conducted. The application outstanding at the end of 1940 was finally refused as the premises were unsatisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE -

The collection of refuse is carried out by the Local Authority over the whole district. All ashbins continue to be emptied once weekly, in spite of depleted staff and the extra calls made on the staff in collecting salvage.

SALVAGE -

The collection of salvage is generally undertaken with the refuse collection, a special compartment has been created in the vehicle for the reception of waste paper, and sacks are carried for the reception of other material.

All waste materials are being collected in Hale with the exception of kitchen waste, and the amount of material collected during the year is substantially the same as last year, particularly when one bears in mind the accumulations of tins and tyres which were unsold at the end of the year; and do not therefore figure in the following table of sales:-

| DESCRIPTION | WEIGHT | | VALUE £. s. d. |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | Tons | Cwts. | |
| Mixed Paper | 79 | 1 | 316. 7. 0 |
| Cardboard | 27 | 7 | 143.11. 9 |
| Newspaper | 5 | 9 | 45.12.11 |
| Selected Waste Paper... .. | 3 | 4 | 16. 1. 3 |
| "Heavy" Iron | 9 | 9 | 29.15. 1 |
| "Light" Iron | 1 | 11 | 2. 1. 3 |
| Other Metals | - | 2½ | 3. 1. 3 |
| Rags | 13 | 13 | 3.10. 6 |
| Bottles | 5 | 19 | 8.17. 0 |
| Bones | 2 | 14 | 7.17. 6 |
| Totals | 135 147 | 9½ 16½ | £576.15. 6 |

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. J. SEALEY,

Sanitary Inspector.

